

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-6, 8-33, and 36-59 remain pending in the application and are presented for consideration and allowance. Claims 2, 12-15, 17-25, 36-37, 42-46, and 50-54 remain withdrawn from consideration under the restriction requirements.

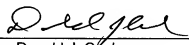
Applicants have amended claims 1, 12, 16-17, 20, 26, 38, 42, 47, 50, and 55 to clarify the invention defined thereby, and to better reflect the nature of the invention disclosed.

Examination and allowance of these amended claims is hereby requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call applicant's representative at (541) 715-1694 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Favorable action by the Examiner is solicited.

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